

elsewhere also and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, ques-

tion does not arise.

(d) and (e). NDMC has allotted the back space behind the shops as per its policy and as per the rates approved by the NDMC vide its Resolution No. 8 dated 20.11. 1981 as detailed below:

<i>Shop No.</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Purpose for which allotted</i>	<i>Rates at which allotted</i>
6	1501 sq.ft.	For construction of Kitchen	Rs.1/-per sq.ft.
7.	322 "	-do-	-do-
8	305 "	-do-	-do-
9.	307 "	-do-	-do-
10	331 "	-do-	-do-
11	315 "	-do-	-do-
12	317 "	-do-	-do-
13	313 "	-do-	-do-
14	311 "	-do-	-do-
15	313 "	-do-	-do-
16	806 "	-do-	-do-

(f) No, Sir.

The NDMC has adopted different policies for different markets depending upon the circumstances of each market.

Withdrawal of Fertiliser Subsidy

1336. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR
PATGL:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since decided to withdraw all subsidies on the fertiliser;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the alternative measures proposed to be taken to mitigate the burden of the farmers; and

(c) the details of the policy proposed to be uniformly followed in regard to the subsidy on fertilisers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Retention price-cum-Subsidy Scheme is being reviewed once in three years. The reviews for the 6th Pricing Period starting from 1st April, 1991 onwards is in progress and will be completed shortly. Necessary changes in policy, if any, will be made after completion of the on-going exercise in this regard.

[Translation]

Welfare of Child Labourers in Bidi Industries

1339. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make provisions for an insurance of Rs. 50, 000 by the bidi manufacturers for the child labour engaged in bidi industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR); (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Desert of Rajasthan

1340. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have aware that the desert of the United Arab Emirates is being developed into green pastures and cultivable land;

(b) whether the Government propose to develop the desert of Rajasthan by adopting the techniques similar to those adopted for development of UAE desert; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Desert Development Programme, a Central Sector Scheme, is already being implemented in Rajasthan with the basic objective of controlling desertification and achieving ecological balance in the long run. These objectives are sought to be achieved through adoption of low cost indigenous technologies in the areas of afforestation with special emphasis on sand-dune stabilisation, and shelter belt plantation grass-land development. The Central arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) at Jodhpur has also been instrumental in the upgradation of these local technologies as well as in the development of new technologies for desert development. Adoption of technologies from outside is not presently being considered under this Programme.

[English]

Loss Making Public-Sector Units

1341. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR
PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to write off losses of sick public sector units in case the workers of these units form cooperatives to run these units;

(b) if so, the details of the public sector units proposed to be handed over to workers' co-operatives;

(c) whether the Government have also agreed to provide all other necessary assis-